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TOXDROP PROVIDES INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENTS WITH A RESOURCE TO DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

INDIANAPOLIS – The ToxDrop Program is a household hazardous waste collection program that was created to provide a safe and convenient solution for disposing of household hazardous waste. Proper disposal of household hazardous waste is critical to making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest.

“The ToxDrop Program is another example of the City of Indianapolis’ commitment to maintain a clean environment for the residents of Marion County,” said Nathan Self, Director of ToxDrop Program.

Household hazardous wastes are discarded items that contain chemicals that are dangerous to citizens and/or the environment. Many people don’t realize that several of the household products they discard in the trash or pour down the drain (such as corrosive drain cleaners, pesticides, or solvents) are hazardous to the environment. A typical residence is home to many products that, when not disposed of properly, are considered hazardous. Hazardous wastes should never be thrown away in the garbage or poured down the drain. These items should be taken to a site with trained staff who will safely collect and responsibly disposed of hazardous waste.

Some common household hazardous waste items that are potentially damaging to the environment but are accepted at ToxDrop sites include:

- Adhesives
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Brake fluid
- Drain cleaners
- Thermometers
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Motor oils
- Paints and thinners

- Bathroom cleaners
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Paint strippers

Within the last five years, electronic recycling (also known as eScrap) has been added to the ToxDrop Program. Electronics contain hazardous materials such as lead and mercury. These materials, if thrown away with regular trash, may be buried in a landfill. They would then be at risk to contaminate groundwater and may cause serious health issues. This can be avoided if electronics such as computer and computer-related items are dropped off at the ToxDrop collection sites.

There are four ToxDrop locations around Marion County. Each have regularly scheduled hours of availability.

- Belmont Avenue Collection Facility
2700 S Belmont Ave
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-11am
- IMPD Training Facility (located near Superior Court 13)
9049 E. 10th St
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm
- Perry Township Government Center
4925 S. Shelby St
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm
- Traders Point Collection Facility
7550 N. Lafayette Rd
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-2pm

For a more information about the ToxDrop Program, please call (317) 327-2234 or visit the ToxDrop website at: <http://www.sustainindy.org/toxdrop>.

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's vision of making Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit www.sustainindy.org

